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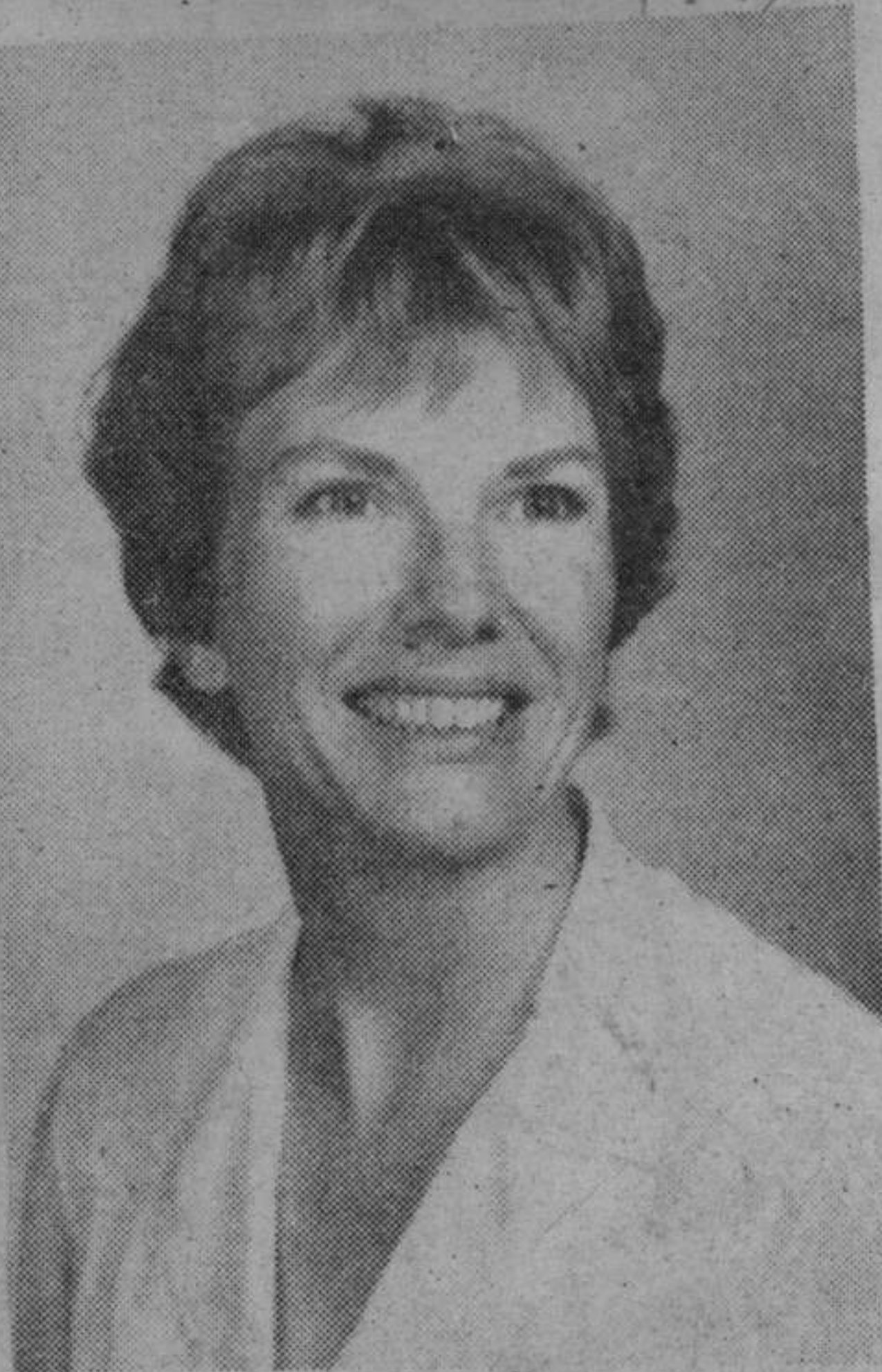
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Pioneer Days 1971



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Her hobbies include drawing and painting, swimming, ice skating, sewing, singing, macrame and camping.

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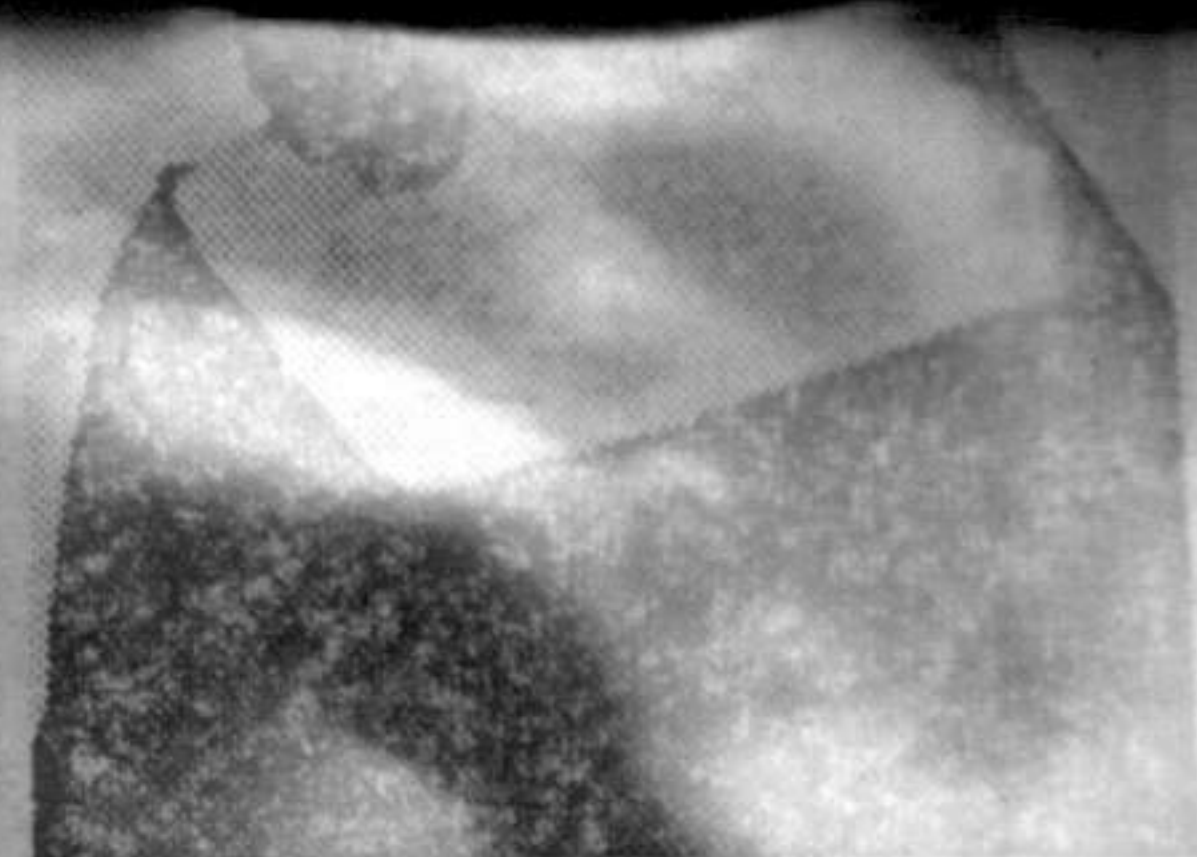


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Dr. Hamrick Honored

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In response to this outpouring of respect and the hundreds of gifts from his friends, Dr. Hamrick said: "What could I say for all of this? Thank you so very much, this makes me very happy to be so remembered. I am back to spend the rest of my days in or close to Marlinton. I had a drink from the head of Greenbrier River, and you know what they say—after you once have a drink of Greenbrier River water from its head, you can't leave Pocahontas County."

A tribute was given the doctor by the Cub Scouts of Den No. 2, directed by their den mother, Mrs. Kyle McCarty. A solo was sung by little Miss Barbara Carpenter, and the string music was furnished by Hamp Carpenter, Earl Price, Bob Moore and Nelson Scott.

Attending the party was the doctor's mother, Mrs. Portie W. Hamrick, who is 83 years old and who is now teaching in the elementary school, at Capels, McDowell County; and his sister, Mrs. Mabyn Winters Christie and her son, of Renick.

Dr. Hamrick was born December 29, 1896, at Montrose, Randolph County, the son of Mrs.

Portie Beaty Hamrick and the late D. Henry Hamrick. He was one of eleven children, ten of whom are still living.

He taught school for nine years, six years at Cass, and worked on his medical degree in the summer.

In 1933 he came to Marlinton where he practiced medicine until 1953, when he moved to Oakdale, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Hamrick has one son, Kenneth, who is a junior at West Virginia University, Morgantown.

Frankford Church Setting For Bean-Boggs Nuptial

FRANKFORD, Sept. 8—(Special)—On Sunday, Sept. 1, at the Frankford Methodist Church, Miss Mary Lou Boggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Lathan Boggs of Frankford, became the bride of Gerald T. Bean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bean of Marion, Ill.

Rev. W. Vaughan Moore of Washington, D. C. and Rev. Dewey Nelson read the double-ring service and Mrs. Gordon Fisher of Belle accompanied the soloist, John Gray of Denver, Col. A reception was held in the auditorium at Frankford High School.

Pearls were scalloped around the neckline of the bride's gown of lace over tulle and taffeta and her fingertip veil extended from a band of lace and pearls. She carried a yellow orchid pinned to a white Bible.

MISS SALLY Sue Boggs was maid of honor for her sister and bridesmaids were Mrs. Jack Collins of Carbondale, Ill., Mrs. Robert L. Hayes of Magadore Ohio, and Miss, Wanda Lee Hunt of Washington, D. C. Their waltz-length frocks and bandeaux were of blue crystalette and they carried nosegays of yellow pompons. A white crystalette frock and blue headdress were worn by the flowergirl, Gayle Lynn Hayes, niece of the bride, who had a blue-trimmed white basket of flowers.

Roger France of Alexandria, Va. was best man and ushers were Richard Beutenmuller of Kensington, Md.; Donald Boggs of Frankford; Jack Collins and Ralph Stomann of Alexandria. Paul Hammond Haynes, nephew of the bride, was ringbearer.

MR. AND Mrs. Bean are taking a northern wedding trip and will be at home in Alexandria, Va. after Sept. 15. An



Mrs. Gerald Bean

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alumna of Frankford High School, she attended Greenbrier College, has a junior accounting degree from West Virginia Business College, a B. A. degree in religion from Berea College and a master's degree from Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. Before her marriage she was employed by the Methodist Board of Missions at Wesley Community House in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Bean has a B. A. degree in physics from Southern Illinois University, belonging to Sigma Pi Sigma, honorary physics fraternity, and had two years duty with the Army Corps of Engineers at Ft. Belvoir, Va. He served as assistant instructor in laboratory work at Southern Illinois while working for his master's degree in science and is now employed at the engineering research and developments laboratory at Ft. Belvoir.

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Feb. 1958 The Weather

Tuesday, the thermometer climbed close to sixty, but people were still busy trying to thaw frozen pipes, etc., after the bitter weather of last week. The local hardware stores quickly sold out of blow torches last week and when they tried to get more, were told the same situation existed everywhere. Frozen water pipes in houses and in the ground were common occurrences. Some lines froze and burst twenty inches below ground level. The Town of Marlinton workers have been busy day and night thawing pipes.

The big Mower Lumber Company mill at Cass has been closed down for several weeks because of the weather. Last week extensive damage was done by freezing of boilers, etc., amounting to many thousands of dollars.

On Sunday, in the bright sunshine, hundreds of people made the trip to Woodrow to view the State Road Commission men working to remove the huge drift on the Dogtown road. Dynamite was used to tumble the hard drifted snow, and then the huge blower on the front of a big truck blew the snow up and out of the way. There was a solid bank of snow fifteen feet high and two or three hundred feet long.

Only this week has there been two way traffic on Cheat and Droop.

Ervine Dunbrack was in from Stamping Creek and said this was the first time he had seen Stamping Creek frozen across. It is usually just a dry creek bed, but this time it had water in it and froze.

J. O. Kellison was in to pay his subscription Saturday and said it was his first trip out in two weeks. The Jacox road had just been opened. He reported drifts about thirty feet high and all the small valleys filled up level with snow.

Weather

Same story. More snow.

The authorities at the Federal Prison Camp on Kinnison Mountain give the following report on the number of inches of snow this winter:

Winter 1957-58	
October	4.0 inches
November	3.7 "
December	13.1 "
January	35.0 "
February	41.1 "
March	35.6 "
Total	132.5 "

MARLINTON, Jan. 23 — (Special)—Cancel the bombers and/or demolition squads—the ice jam broke up.

The ice that clogged the Greenbrier River, threatening the community of Buckeye, began to slide on downstream Wednesday night, and was gone in about three hours. The river was clear shortly before midnight.

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James Clowser, of Charleston, was toastmaster. Mr. Clowser is employed with the Department of Mental Health.

Mrs. Hallie Plymale, of Kenova, led group singing.

Moffett McNeel held the Memorial Service honoring deceased alumni. They were: Eric Clutter, Grady Kidd, Nina Carlisle Petry, Hubert McCoy, Hugh Hefner, Sanford Kirk and Gloria Sharp Beavers.

It was decided to continue the Hillsboro High School Memorial Fund: any student graduating from Pocahontas County High School from the Little Levels District is eligible to apply for this yearly scholarship. Students must apply for this scholarship by June 30. Send applications to: Mrs. Mary Hilleary, Treasurer of Hillsboro Memorial Fund, Hillsboro.

Mrs. Moffett McNeel, Chairman of the nominating committee, made the following report: President, Samuel Landis; Vice President, Winters Penick Rose; Secretary, Ruth Pritchard; Treasurer, William McCarty; these were elected.

The Alumni Banquet will be held annually on the last Saturday night in May at 7 o'clock, so make plans now to attend next year.

The meal was prepared and served by the ladies of the Methodist Church.

Cecil Dalton was installed as pastor of the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church at Hillsboro on January 14, after moving to Hillsboro December 28 in a big snow storm. 1967

Born May 23, 1918, at Hillsville, Virginia, Mr. Dalton was educated at Virginia Presbyterian School, Hampden-Sydney and Montreat-Anderson Colleges, and Columbia Theological Seminary. He was ordained in 1964, having previously been a broker and merchant.

He has served Bland-Leyburn Presbyterian Church at Bland, Virginia, (Bland and Leyburn churches were merged during his ministry), and Sharon Church at Ceres, commuting 2,000 miles per month from Atlanta for two years while in Seminary. He served on the Presbytery Stewardship Committee and was on the Board of Abingdon Presbytery Children's Home.

Mrs. Dalton is the former Virginia Goad. Their children are Robert, 21, a student at Bluefield State, Nancy, 18, student at Radford College, Janice, 6, first grade, and Terri, 5 years. His mother, Mrs. Lula Jett Dalton,



Mrs. Carrie Morrison, of Lobelia, has been chosen Belle of Pocahontas by the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs. She will attend the State Folk Festival at Glenville the third week in June representing Pocahontas County.

She owns and operates a 200 acre farm on which she lives alone, being the widow of the late Frank Morrison.

Mrs. Morrison is the mother of two daughters, Mrs. Lanty Rose, of Hillsboro, who teaches physical education in Pocahontas County High School, and Mrs. Harry R. Cuskey, of Abingdon, Virginia, who majored in home economics and now has a class of her own — six children.

Mrs. Morrison received her AB degree from Davis and Elkins College. She is now retired after having taught school for 41 years, 19 of which were in one room schools. Many of these she had all grades.

One of her greatest ambitions is to travel. She has been in 45 states including Hawaii and expects to add three more to her list this summer.

She was a charter member of the first Home Demonstration Club in the County—Swago. Her membership is now in Lobelia Club in which she is an active member and has held many offices.

Her greatest interest is in church work. She has been a faithful member for 60 years, 45 of which she has been a teacher of adult classes in the United Methodist Churches at Swago and Lobelia.